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1. CHINA

WSJ REPORTS CDC RECEIVED WH GO-AHEAD TO SHIP COMPUTER SYSTEMS TO SOVIET, AS WELL AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CLEARANCE ON SHIPMENTS TO PRC. SAYS FORD APPROVAL CLEARED UP ERRONEOUS NEWS REPORTS THAT ADMIN HAD OK'D PRC SALE, BUT BARRED SALE SIMILAR SYSTEM TO SOVIET. SPOKESMEN FOR BOTH SPERRY UNIVAC AND IBM SAID THEY HADN'T HAD ANY ORDERS FROM CHINESE; BOTH DECLINED COMMENT ON SIGNIFICANCE OF LICENSING CDC COMPUTER FOR PEKING.

WSTAR (10/31) REPORTS HAN HSU, ASKED ONE EVENING LAST WEEK
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IF CURRENT PRC LEADERSHIP UPHEAVAL HAS BEEN REFLECTED AMONG PRCLO STAFF, "OFFERED THE OFFICIAL LINE IN REPLY: 'IT IS NOT RADICALS VERSUS MODERATES, AS THE WESTERN PRESS KEEPS REPORTING. IT IS JUST AN ANTI-PARTY CLIQUE OF FOUR PEOPLE.'"

WSTAR DISPATCH (HK 10/31) REPORTS PEKING WALL POSTERS HAVE CHARGED CHIANG CHING/3 OTHER SENIOR LEFTISTS WERE ARRESTED AFTER GUNMAN SHOT UP CONVOY OF CARS IN WHICH HUA WAS RIDING; GUNMAN REPORTEDLY CONFESSED HE WAS ACTING FOR CHIANG CHING/

ASSOCIATES. "PARADE" (WP 10/31) HAS CHIANG CHING BIO.

AP (LONDON) NOTES VICTOR LOUIS' REPORT FROM SINO-SOVIET BORDER FRIDAY THAT TWO COUNTRIES "ARE GETTING FRIENDLY AGAIN." IN LATEST ARTICLE, WROTE THERE IS "NO DOUBT" ABOUT CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHIN PAST FEW DAYS WHICH INDICATE SINO-SOVIET CHILL WARMING (WP, SUN). WSTAR'S BRADSHAW (10/30) REPORTS US ANALYSTS HAVE FAILED SEE ANY SIGNS DEVELOPING SINO-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP; THEY SEE NEW LOUIS ARTICLE INTENDED RELAX SITUATION WHICH HIS EARLIER ARTICLE HAD EXACERBATED.

WP'S SHARKEY CITES "AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL" CHARGE, IN REPORT ISSUED LAST WEEK, THAT GROU HAS CONSISTENTLY VIOLATED HUMAN RIGHTS. ORGANIZATION SAID IT FOUND: TAIPEI REGIME HAS IMPRISONED AT LEAST 200, PERHAPS MANY MORE, FOR POL VIEWS; SOME POL PRISONERS HAVE BEEN HELD 25 YEARS OR MORE; "IN SOME INSTANCES," TORTURE USED DURING PRISONER INTERROGATION; DEATH PENALTY USED FOR CERTAIN CRIMINAL/ POL OFFENSES.

2. THAILAND/INDOCHINA

NEW RTG CRACKS DOWN ON VIET COMMUNITY TO "CONTROL AREAS OF POTENTIAL COMMUNIST SUBVERSION." NEARLY 100 VIETS ARRESTED AT NONG KHAI ON LAOS BORDER WHERE POLICE SEIZE 3000 DOCUMENTS DESCRIBED AS COMMUNIST (WP).

RTG ANNOUNCES 152 ARRESTED OVER WKEND FOR VIOLATING CURFEW, 77 OTHERS ON VARIOUS CHARGES (WP). NYT'S ANDELMAN (10/31) FINDS CLIMATE OF FEAR RESULTING FROM RTG'S WIDE-RANGING UNCLASSIFIED

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PURGE OF PEOPLE WITH/SUSPECTED OF COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS. MENTIONS SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS REMOVED FROM OFFICE. QUOTES EUR DIPLOMAT THAT JUNTA RECORD SO FAR "FRIGHTENING," ESP DUE LACK DISCRIMINATION BETW COMMUNISTS/LEFTISTS/MODERATE REFORM GROUPS. IN 11/1 ARTICLE, ANDELMAN TELLS OF CLOSED BANGKOK PAPER WHOSE EDITOR PLEADS TO REOPEN; MENTIONS ARTISTS' DILEMMA IN TRYING AVOID SUPPRESSION OF WORKS; RECOUNTS PROBLEMS CAUSED BY CURFEW.

US GIVES RTG 5 UNARMED COPTERS TO PURSUE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS NEAR LAOTIAN/BURMESE BORDERS (WP; AP NYDN, NYT).

THAI POLICEMAN KILLED IN CLASH W/100 COMMUNISTS NEAR

LAOTIAN BORDER AFTER COMMUNISTS ATTACKED POLICE POSTS. RTG SENT IN COPTER GUNSHIPS/REINFORCEMENTS (REUTER BANGKOK 10/30).

3. PHILIPPINES

US/PHIL NEGOTIATORS, AFTER 6 MOS, REPORTEDLY STILL DEAD-LOCKED ON KEY ISSUES OF PAYMENT/GOP JURISDICTION OVER US PERSONNEL. BETTER PROGRESS EXPECTED AFTER US ELECTION (NYT SPEC 10/31).

"AMNESTY INTL'S" LABER (NYT 10/30) RECAPITULATES EXTENT/SEVERITY TORTURE IN DETENTION CENTERS ACCORDING EARLIER REPORTS. RECOUNTS HISTORY MARTIAL LAW DETENTION. STATES IF WORLDWIDE ATTN FOCUSED ON POL PRISONERS' SUFFERING IN PHILS, MARCOS MAY BE FORCED MAKE REAL, NOT TOKEN, REFORMS --SINCE HE WANTS PROJECT IMAGE LEGITIMACY/RESPONSIVENESS TO FILS' NEEDS.

4. JAPAN

DP EXTRAORDINARY CONVENTION SCHEDULED FOR 10/31 POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER GENERAL ELECTION DIET'S LOWER HOUSE. ANTI-MIKI FACTIONS ORIGINALLY INTENDED USE CONVENTION OUST PM FROM POST AS PARTY LEADER; NOW SEEMS CERTAIN MIKI WILL DISSOLVE DIET EARLY NEXT MONTH, SET ELECTIONS AROUND DEC 5 (WP 10/30, NYT 10/31).

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NYT'S MALCOLM (10/31) RECOUNTS RECENT INCIDENT PHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MIKI, IMPOSTOR CLAIMING BE CHIEF LOCKHEED PROSECUTOR FUSE. GOVT PROSECUTORS, DIET, SUPREME COURT ALL BEGAN INVESTIGATIONS. WITH COURT'S PERMISSION, DIET SUBPOENAED JUDGE KITO, WHO TRIED CONVINCE YOMIURI PUBLISH INTERVIEW. KITO DENIED HAVING MADE CALL, SAYS RECEIVED TAPE FROM FRIEND, WHO HE REFUSED IDENTIFY.

JAPAN'S WORST FIRE IN 15 YEARS SWEEPED THRU SAKATA CITY 10/30, DESTROYING 1000 BLDGS, LEAVING SOME 4000 HOMELESS. FIRE STOPPED BY NIITA RIVER ON CITY'S EASTERN EDGE, BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL BY HUNDREDS FIREMEN/SOLDIERS, 70 FIRE ENGINES (REUTER YAMAGATA, 10/30, CSM).

SUNDAY WP CARRIES 2 ARTICLES COVERING FRONT PAGE BUSINESS/FINANCE SECTION. SAAR REPORTS ON US AIRCRAFT FIRM COMPETITION SELL JAPAN NEW COMBAT PLANES. MCDONNELL DOUGLAS LIKELY WIN, SUBJECT TO APPVL FROM DEF MIN, NATL DEF COUNCIL, FULL CABINET WITHIN NEXT 2 MONTHS. NOTES IN LAST 3 MONTHS, 3 AIRCRAFT MAKERS SPENT 10 MIL DOLS EACH, SUPPLIED MASSES CLASSIFIED DATA ON ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ON COMBAT PLANES TO JAPAN, EVEN THOUGH FIGHTERS

ONLY NOW COMING INTO SERVICE W/US FORCES.

IN 2ND ARTICLE, ROSS DISCUSSES US-JAPAN "WAR" IN TV MAR-

KET. GTE FILED COMPLAINT W/ITC LAST JAN, CHARGING JAPANESE SELLING TVS BELOW COST IN US; MELCO MAKING ATTEMPT BLOCK INVESTIGATION ON GROUNDS ITC LACKS JURISDICTION. TREAS DEPT ALSO ENTERING LEGAL HASSLE AGAINST ITC, CLAIMING JURISDICTION OVER DUMPING CASES; DOS ASKED ITC DROP INVESTIGATION DUE POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE W/FOPOL PROGRAMS. SO FAR, ITC UNRELENTING.

MEANWHILE, JAPAN'S ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY ASSN SAYS COLOR TV EXPORTS REACHED MONTHLY RECORD IN SEPT, WITH 337,000 OF 555,000 UNITS EXPORTED GOING TO US, MARKING INCREASE 73.2 PCT OVER LAST YEAR'S EXPORTS TO US (UPI, JOC).

JAPAN'S MOTOR VEHICLES EXPORTS HIT ALL-TIME HIGH, IN-UNCLASSIFIED

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CREASING 42.2 PCT OVER LAST YEAR. US REMAINS BIGGEST CUSTOMER, IMPORTING 48.5 PCT MORE THAN YEAR AGO (REUTER TOKYO 10/30).

JAPAN/ USSR ACCEPT W/O PROTEST SHARPLY LOWER WHALE KILL QUOTAS SET LAST JUNE BY INTL WHALING COMMISSION. US REP ON IWC SAYS JAPANESE WHALING INDUSTRY/UNIONS PUTTING GREAT PRESSURE ON GOJ NOT BOW TO WHAT DESCRIBED AS FEW AMERICAN CONSERVATIONISTS. SAYS W/O US PUBLIC PRESSURE, JAPANESE MIGHT BE BACK "WHALING FULL SPEED" (ELLIS, CSM).

5. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

EARTHQUAKE, DESCRIBED BY MUNDARING OBSERVATORY AS "MODERATELY LARGE," STRUCK AUSTRALIA 85 MILES SOUTH OF PERTH 10/29. NO INJURIES/STRUCTURAL DAMAGE REPORTED (UPI, NYT).

BUYERS RUSH GRAB AUSTRALIAN URANIUM SHARES FOLLOWING GOVT COMMISSION'S CAUTIOUS OK FOR MINING COUNTRY'S VAST RESERVES. BUYERS SEE COMMISSION'S FINDINGS AS GREEN LIGHT FOR DEVELOPMENT, DESPITE FACT GOA APPVL STILL NEEDED (WP, 10/30).

"PARADE" MAG (WP 10/31) CITES WARNINGS VICTORIA HEALTH DEPT DIRECTOR, WHO SAYS AUSTRALIANS DRINKING OVER 100 GALS BEER, OR ALCOHOLIC EQUIVALENT, PER ADULT PER YEAR. SAYS IF ALCOHOL DOESN'T ADDICT THEM, OTHER DRUGS WILL. CLAIMS IF CURRENT TRENDS CONTINUE, VALIUM WILL BE USED BY "EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD" ON PERMANENT BASIS BY YEAR 2000.

NZ RACE RELATIONS CONCILIATOR SUBMITS REPORT TO NZ PAR-

LIAMENT STATING RACIAL PREJUDICE WIDESPREAD IN COUNTRY'S
OSTENSIBLY HARMONIOUS MULTIRACIAL SOCIETY. REPORT STATES
PROBLEM FOREMOST IN AUCKLAND. PREJUDICE BASICALLY WHITE

VS POLYNESIAN OR MAORI (CARTHEW, CSM).

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SEVERE EARTHQUAKE, MEASURING 7 ON RICHTER SCALE, HIT
REMOTE MOUNTAIN JUNGLES IN IRIAN JAYA FRIDAY; 50 BELIEVED
DEAD, HUNDREDS MORE MISSING (AP PHINQ, SUN, NYT; WP).
NO SPECIFIC REPORTS ON CASUALTIES. BAD WEATHER HAMPERING
RESCUE OPERATIONS, THO RELIEF EFFORTS STEPPED UP (UPI,
NYT). SUHARTO ORDERED DOCTORS/RESCUE WORKERS TO AREA
W/O DELAY. MISSIONARIES REPORTING BY RADIO TO JAKARTA
SAID THERE HAD BEEN 2ND MAJOR QUAKE IN BIME/EIPOMEK REGIONS
(HERTEL, REUTER JAKARTA 10/30).

7. KOREA

"CAPITOL HILL SOURCES" SAY DOS REQUESTED JUSTICE INVEST-
IGATION TONGSUN PARK IN 1975. STATE DECLINES COMMENT, BUT
"DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" CLAIM THEN ASS'T SECY EA HABIB,
SUSPICIOUS PARK ACTIVITIES, SOUGHT JUSTICE PROBE (NYT
10/31). STATE SPOKESMAN CONFIRMS 1974 KOREAN ATTEMPT GIVE
10,000 DOLS TO WH AIDE JOHN NIDECKER--MONEY RETURNED THRU
US EMB SEOUL, WITH THEN - AMB HABIB PROTESTING ATTEMPT
"IN STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS" (WP 10/30, NYT 10/31).
STATE ALSO CONFIRMS THAT INFO IT PASSED JUSTICE PROMPTED
CURRENT BRIBERY INVESTIGATION. AMB HAHM CLAIMS TONGSUN
PARK NOT LOBBYIST FOR ROKG (WP 10/30).

FEDERAL PROSECUTORS OBTAIN CAMPAIGN FINANCE RECORDS 10
CONGRESSMEN--SEEKING OTHERS--QUESTION OTTO PASSMAN (WSTAR
10/29). REP. MATSUNAGA (D-HAWAII) ACKNOWLEDGES 1972
GIFT 1,000 DOLS FROM PARK; SAYS PARK ASKED NO FAVORS
(NYT 10/31). NYT'S LINDSEY (10/30) REPORTS SYSTEMATIC
KCIA INTIMIDATION/HARASSMENT LOS ANGELES KOREAN COMMUNITY.
"KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES" STATE AT LEAST 5 KCIA AGENTS
ATTACHED ROKG CONGEN LA.

CHITRIB FRONT-PAGES INVESTIGATION ROLE TONGSUN PARK FOOD
FOR PEACE SHIPMENTS TO ROK. MATTER INTERTWINED W/ONGOING
BRIBERY-INFLUENCE PEDDLING PROBE.

PARK'S CONNECTIONS W/REPS. PASSMAN/LEGGETT CHECKED (ALSO
NYT). PARK ARRIVES LONDON FROM JAPAN, DENIES CHARGES
AGAINST HIM. SAYS PLANS RETURN US (WP 10/30, WSTAR 10/31).
CSM'S SOUTHERLAND REPORTS VET KOREAN JOURNALIST JULIE
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MYUNG-JA MOON CLAIMS PARK ROKG LOBBYIST DESPITE DENIALS;
ADDS PARK PERSONALLY TOLD HER AS MUCH DURING KCIA-ARRANGED
MEETING. MOON INTIMIDATED BY PHONE CALLS/VISITS FROM
KOREANS SHE BELIEVES KCIA. WSTAR'S BILLINGTON (10/31)

FINDS PARK'S "ERSTWHILE FRIENDS" KEEPING THEIR DISTANCE IN
GLARE PRESENT NOTORIETY.

REUTER'S NELSON REPORTS STATE SUBMITTED NAME ROKG DEPUTY
OBSERVER UN, HAN BYUNGK , TO JUSTICE TEAM INVESTIGATING
ILLEGAL ACTS BY ROK INTELL HERE (CSM, GLOBE, PHINQ).
WSTAR'S O'LEARY (10/30) INTERVIEWS KOREAN BUSINESSMAN
HANCHO KIM. KIM, LIVING LANHAM, MD., ACKNOWLEDGES
QUESTIONED BY JUSTICE, BUT DENIES ANY CONNECTION ROK LOBBY-
ING; DOES ADMIT VISITS HIS HOME OF 2 RANKING KCIA OFFICERS
ROK EMB. NYT'S HALLORAN (10/30), COVERING COMPLEX
ACTIVITIES REV MOON, FEELS IT POSSIBLE US CITIZENS WORKED
ILLEGALLY FOR SEOUL. WSTAR'S OPPENHEIMER (10/31) STATES
EX-REP GALLAGHER (D-NJ), UNDER SCRUTINY IN CONNECTION
DEALINGS W/PARK, MAY HAVE EMPLOYED KCIA AGENT IN CONG
OFFICE.

WSTAR'S FRIEDMAN (10/29) FINDS WOMAN, WHOSE LOVE AFFAIR
W/MICH REP RIEGLE NOW EMBARRASSING HIS SENATE CAMPAIGN, ALSO
INVOLVED OTHER PUBLIC FIGURES, INCL TONGSUN PARK.

WP'S BABCOCK (10/31) REPORTS SEPARATE FED/STATE INVESTIGAT-
IONS DC-BASED KOREAN CULTURAL AND FREEDOM FOUNDATION;
FOUNDATION'S RADIO FREE ASIA (LATER CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND)
ACTIVITIES AND FUND-RAISING QUESTIONED--VERY LOW PERCENT
MONEY RAISED USED FOR STATED PURPOSES. VP CANDIDATE DOLE
IN 1970 SENT SOME 60,000 LETTERS SOLICITING FUNDS RADIO
FREE ASIA (WSTAR 10/30).

WSTAR'S BILLINGTON (10/31) FINDS JUSTICE ATTEMPTS SUBPOENA
ROK EMB BANK RECORDS CAUSING STIR ALONG EMB ROW. QUOTES
NZ AMB AS SAYING WOULD RECOMMEND REMOVAL EMB ACCOUNT TO
CANADA AS MATTER PRINCIPLE IF TRUE SUCH SUBPOENA ACTION
POSSIBLE. O'LEARY (10/29), USING "FORMER SENIOR
CIA OFFICIAL" AS SOURCE, REPORTS CIA BUGGED MORE THAN 30
WORLD CAPITALS. SOURCE SAID HAD NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE BLUE
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HOUSE BUGGED, BUT NOTED ROKG FIT PATTERN OF KIND OF PLACES
CIA SOUGHT BUG. SAAR (WP 10/30, SEOUL) QUOTES PRES PARK
ASS'T KIM KYONG WON AS CALLING INFLUENCE-PEDDLING CHARGES
"THIRD-RATE THRILLER." KIM DENIES ALL ALLEGATIONS PAYOFF,
SEEKS MINIMIZE IMPORTANCE CASE; DISMISSES BH BUGGING
CHARGES AS "UNTRUE", BUT SAYS SUCH ACT WOULD BE "VERY GRAVE

MATTER."

WP'S MORGAN (10/30) FINDS REV MOON COMPANY INVOLVED IN ECOAST TUNA BUSINESS IN LUCRATIVE FASHION; POSSIBLE MAJOR EXPANSION COMPANY'S COMMERCIAL FISHING ACTIVITIES IN US COMING.

NK AGENT SURRENDERED 9/20 TO ROKG AFTER KILLING 2 COMPANIONS; KCIA SAYS SURRENDER LED TO ROUNDUP OTHERS (NYT, WP 10/3).

7. GENERAL

FOREIGN DELS FROM 44 COUNTRIES, INCL NK/LAOS/VN, ARRIVE TIRANA FOR ALBANIA'S 7TH CP CONGRESS. PRC NOT PRESENT, SINCE STOPPED ATTENDING FOREIGN PARTY CONGRESSES DURING GPCR (WP).

GLOOM SPREADS AS PROBLEMS GROW IN WORLD ECONOMY. "YEL-Low SIGNALS" FLASHING IN MANY OECD COUNTRIES, INCL AUSTRALIA/NZ. POOR NATIONS STRUGGLE UNDER 135 BILLION DOL DEBT; OVER HALF 3RD WORLD PRIVATE DEBT OWED BY SK, TAIWAN, BRAZIL, MEXICO. UK WANTS US/FRG/JAPAN TAKE OVER STERLING DEBTS, BUT LITTLE ENTHUSIASM SHOWN FOR SUGGESTION (FARNSWORTH, NYT). UN SAYS DEVELOPING ASIAN COUNTRIES SUFFERED MARKED TRADE DEFICIT LAST YR, WHILE AUSTRALIA/NZ/JAPAN NARROWED COLLECTIVE TRADE DEFICIT (REUTER BANGKOK).

MAN-MADE FIBER PRICES WEAKEN. JAPAN COMPLAINS THAT TAIWAN/KOREA FIBER PLANTS TAKE OVER ITS TRADITIONAL MKTS. PHILS BANS IMPORTS NYLON YARNS/POLYESTER STAPLE FIBER; AUSTRALIA BANS IMPORTS TEXTURED YARN (KOSHETZ, NYT).

WEST/HORTON (WSTAR 10/31) REPORT SENS THURMOND/SCOTT UNCLASSIFIED

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(VA) PARLEYED "FACT-FINDING VISIT W/WIVES LAST YEAR INTO SHOPPING SPREE AT TAXPAYERS' EXPENSE. CITIES VISITED INCLUDED TOKYO, SEOUL, TAIPEI, SAIGON, PP, SINGAPORE, JAKARTA, BANGKOK, MANILA.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. CHINA

IN "LE POINT" INTERVIEW, SCHLESINGER SAYS USSR WOULD BECOME EMBROILED IN "SUPER-" VN IF INVADED PRC. ADDS PEKING TRAINING OVER 200 MILLION GUERRILLA FIGHTERS, HAS NUKES THAT COULD INFLICT HEAVY DAMAGE ON SOVIETS (UPI, WSTAR 10/31). DURDIN (SD UNION 10/27) REVIEWS SCHLESINGER TRIP. MENTIONS LIGHTLY-DEFENDED BORDER IN SOME AREAS THAT PRC

PLANS PROTECT W/MILLIONS GUERRILLAS. SAYS TRIP OBSERVATIONS EMPHASIZE CHINESE FEARS POSSIBLE CONFLICT W/USSR, EXPLAIN CONSTANT EFFORTS GET US/WEUR AROUSED VS RUSSIANS.

PROF KADARKAY OF UC AT SANTA BARBARA (LAT 10/29) SAYS CHINA -WATCHERS LOOKING FOR SIGNS PRC/USSR RECONCILIATION FOLLOWING MAO'S DEATH, BUT NO SIGNS SO FAR EVIDENT. SEES FEUD WELCOME TO US/NATO, SINCE USSR ENTHUSIASM FOR DETENTE PARTLY DUE DESIRE AVOID POSSIBILITY SIMULTANEOUS HOSTILITIES. REVIEWS HISTORY PRC INTEREST IN EEUR, ADDS CPS THERE LOOK ALMOST AS MUCH TO PEKING AS TO MOSCOW FOR IDEOLOGICAL INSPIRATION. NOTES PRC DIPLOMACY HAS GREAT TACT/SENSITIVITY, MAKES SIGNIFICANT INROADS; RUSSIANS PERSIST IN HEAVY-HANDED/AUTHORITARIAN POLICIES. CONCLUDES NOT SURPRISING EEUR COMMUNISTS PLEASED DISCOVER NEW PRC LEADERS SHOW NO DESIRE END RIFT W/MOSCOW; SITUATION GIVES EEUR COUNTRIES ROOM TO MANEUVER.

LESLIE (LAT 10/29) SEES WALL POSTERS AS CHINESE IDEA "FREE PRESS." TRACES HISTORY, MAO'S ATTITUDE, USE IN PRESENT CAMPAIGN. IN SEPARATE ARTICLE, LESLIE NOTES SIGNS MORE ARTISTIC FREEDOM MAY BE PERMITTED FOLLOWING PURGE 4 RADICALS, ESP RELEASE CHINESE CULTURE FROM CHIANG'S GRIP.

DR BENZ OF US-PEOPLE'S FRIENDSHIP ASSN (LAT 10/23) REPORTS UNCLASSIFIED

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VISITORS TO PRC ENTHUSIASTIC. CONCLUDED CHINESE SOCIAL SYSTEM WORKS, PRAISES FREEDOM IN PRC. UCLA PROF AUERBACH (LAT 10/23) DESCRIBES TOUR HE RECENTLY TOOK OF PRC. REPORTS GENERALLY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION PRC MOVING RAPIDLY INTO MODERN TECHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY, GOVT COMMITTED RAISE LIVING STDs, PRC WANTS RESPECT OF US/WORLD W/O SURRENDERING INTEGRITY. RECOMMENDS WE NORMALIZE RELS W/PEKING.

MATHEWS (WP HK) NOTES PRC PRESS FOR FIRST TIME HAS LAUDED HUA'S "REMARKABLE QUALITY AND OUTSTANDING ABILITY"--SIGN THAT PEKING APPARENTLY HAS DECIDED CREATE FOR HIM KIND OF PERSONALITY CULT THAT SURROUNDED MAO. SAYS APPEARANCE ARTICLE FRIDAY IN "LIBERATION ARMY DAILY" APPEARS ANOTHER INDICATION HUA'S DEPENDENCE ON MIL SUPPORT TO ASSUME MAO'S MANTLE. OBSERVES HUA APPEARS TO HAVE SPENT MUCH OF CAREER AS GENIAL MIDDLE-LEVEL BUREAUCRAT, THUS BUILDING PERSONALITY CULT FOR HIM MAY PRESENT DIFFICULTIES.

IN 10/31 HK DISPATCH, MATHEWS NOTES SHANGHAI LEADERSHIP CHANGES- SUGGESTS HUA, BY MAKING HIS FIRST MAJOR APPOINTMENTS THERE, HAS ACKNOWLEDGED IMPORTANCE OF TIGHT GRIP ON PRC'S BIGGEST/RICHEST/MOST INDUSTRIAL/MOST POLITICALLY VOLATILE CITY. SAYS WITH SU CHEN-HUA AS NEW MAJOR, SHANGHAI IS NOW BACK UNDER COMMAND OF OFFICIAL WITH LONG/

CLOSE TIES TO VETERAN BUREAUCRATS WHO APPEAR TO HAVE
WRESTED CONTROL OF COUNTRY FROM RADICALS. WHILE SU REMAINS

ONLY ALTERNATE POLITBURU MEMBER, IMPORTANCE OF HIS NEW
ASSIGNMENT INDICATES HE IS LIKELY BE ELECTED TO FULL
POLITBURO MEMBERSHIP. SEES ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT NI
CHIH-FU AS SECOND SECRETARY MUNICIPAL PARTY CMTE AND FIRST
VICE CHAIRMAN REVOLUTIONARY CMTE SYMBOLIZING HUA'S EFFORT
WIN ALLEGIANCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE/WORKERS WHO MAY HAVE ADMIRERD
WANG HUNG-WEN. IN ACCOMPANYING 10/31 PIECE, MATHEWS HAS
SU BIO.

SUN'S WU (HK 10/31) FINDS SU/NI APPOINTMENTS SYMBOLIC--
POINTS OUT SHANGHAI'S IMPORTANCE IN CHINESE POLITICS/ECON
ALWAYS HAS BEEN UNDERSCORED BY CENTRAL POLITBURO MEMBERS
OCCUPYING ITS LEADING POSTS. SAYS NOT KNOWN IF ANOTHER
NEW SHANGHAI POWER, PENG CHUNG, WILL RELINQUISH KIANGSU/
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NANKING POSTS. BUT TWO CITIES ONLY 150 MILES APART, AND
PENG WELL MAY BE ADMINISTERING PRC'S LARGEST CITY AND ITS
MOST INDUSTRIALIZED PROVINCE SIMULTANEOUSLY IF HE KEEPS
PRESENT POSITIONS. IN SECOND 10/31 ARTICLE, SUN TRACES
"GANG OF FOUR'S" RISE/FALL.

SUN'S ISAACS (HK 10/31) OBSERVES THAT WHILE PRC SEEMS TO
HAVE RESOLVED SUCCESSION CRISIS MORE SWIFTLY THAN ANYONE
EXPECTED, THERE ARE STILL MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS
SURROUNDING COUNTRY'S FUTURE; HOW MUCH OF MAO'S DOCTRINE/
PRACTICE WILL DISAPPEAR ALONG WITH RADICAL "GANG OF FOUR";
HOW MUCH OF MAO'S AWESOM POWER REALLY HAS PASSED INTO HUA'S
HANDS, HOW MUCH MUST BE SHARED WITH OTHERS; HOW WILL
CHANGED STRUCTURE CHINESE POLITICAL POWER AFFECT FOREIGN/
DOMESTIC POLICIES. SAYS ANALYSTS' CONCLUSION, ON LAST
POINT, IS THAT PEKING LIKELY REMAIN HOSTILE TO SOVIET,
WILL CONTINUE SEEKING NORMALIZATION WITH US AND WITH NON-
COMMUNIST INDUSTRIAL W EUROPE.

IN 10/30 DISPATCH, ISAACS FORESEES PRC MIL LEADERS ALMOST
CERTAINLY CONTINUING WIELD EXPANDED INFLUENCE IN PRC
AFFAIRS, IN LIGHT OF SUDDEN UPHEAVAL IN LAST FOUR WEEKS
WHICH HAS LEFT MIL MEN IN ENORMOUSLY POWERFUL POSITION:
YEH CHIEN-YING, LIU PO-CHANG, CHEN HSI-LIEN, HSU SHIF-UY,
WEI KUO-CHING, LI TEH-SHENG. SAYS NOT SINCE LIN PIAO'S
HEYDAY HAS PLA APPEARED HOLD SUCH PROMINENT PLACE IN
LEADERSHIP. WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION LI, PLA OFFICERS
NOW HOLDING HIGH PARTY RANK WERE THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN ON
"MODERATE" SIDE; THUS, EXPECTED THEY WILL SUPPORT
POLICIES ASSOCIATED WITH CHOU. ADDS THAT ONE INTERESTING
POSSIBILITY RAISED BY INCREASED MIL ROLE IS THAT TENG
HSIAO-PING MAY MAKE SECOND COMEBACK--MODERATE POLICIES NOW
SEEMING LIKELY BE ESPOUSED BY NEW LEADERSHIP WERE TENG'S

AND CHOU'S, AND NOW-PURGED RADICALS DROVE TENG FROM OFFICE.

SAYS MAY ALSO BE SIGNIFICANT, IN SYSTEM IN WHICH OLD UNIT LOYALTIES APPEAR STILL IMPORTANT, THAT AMONG OFFICERS NOW IN AUTHORITY, THERE WERE MANY, INCLUDING CHIEN HSI-LIEN, WHO CAME FROM TENG'S OLD SECOND FIELD ARMY.

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BUTTERFIELD (NYT HK 10/31) SUMMARIZES SOME OF "MORE SOLIDLY BASED ACCUSATIONS" AGAINST "GANG OF FOUR," WHICH EITHER MADE OFFICIALLY IN PRC PUBLICATIONS/BROADCASTS OR REPORTED BY MORE THAN ONE SOURCE. AMONG THEM, MAO'S ANGER AT CHIANG CHING IN 1972 OR 1973 BECAUSE OF HER INTERVIEW GRANTED PROF WITKE, AFTER WHICH STOPPED LIVING IN SAME HOUSE WITH HER.

AT ASIA HOUSE THURS NIGHT, PROF WITKE SAID SHE BELIEVES CHIANG CHING PERMITTED INTERVIEW AS "CALCULATED RISK," SINCE CHIANG NOT "STUPID WOMAN"--WAS ONLY WAY GET HER STORY OUT, AND CHIANG DID IT AS SURREPTITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE (BERLINER, WP 10/30).

CHITRIB'S LONGWORTH REPORTS ON HEILUNGKIANG AMERICANS--COLONY EXISTING ON CHINESE PORT, IMPORTED PEANUT BUTTER, HARD WORK. SAYS GROUP USUALLY RESTRICTED TO WITHIN MILE OR TWO OF THEIR HOMES, OUT IN CHINESE BOONDOCKS; PART OF EIGHT TEAMS SENT TO PRC BY PULLMAN KELLOGG, AFTER IT WON LARGEST CONTRACT PEKING HAS EVER GIVEN US FIRM FOR EIGHT AMMONIA-UREA FERTILIZER PLANTS. CITES PULLMAN KELLOGG'S HOUSTON OPERATING DEPT DIRECTOR KALTENBACH THAT IT'S TOUGH LIFE, BUT BOTH COMPANY/CHINESE TRY MAKE THINGS EASY AS POSSIBLE.

IN 10/30 LETTER TO WP, RUFUS PHILLIPS (FORMER USAID ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/VN, DOS CONSULTANT) CHARGES FORD ADMIN PREPARING BREAK RELS WITH ROC, NORMALIZE WITH PEKING ONCE ELECTION OVER--BUT THIS BEING KEPT SECRET FROM AMERICAN PEOPLE UNTIL THEN.

9. KOREA

WP'S OBERDORFER (10/31) SEES CONTINUING REVELATIONS RE ROKG INFLUENCE-PEDDLING PLACING NEW STRAIN ON ALREADY TROUBLED ROK-US RELATIONS--EXPOSURES COULD LEAD TO INDICTMENTS/TRIALS CAUSING CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE. "SENIOR AMERICAN DIPLOMATS" BELIEVE LITTLE CAN NOW BE DONE AS STORY UNFOLDS AND PROBES CONTINUE, BUT ARE CONCERNED EFFECTS ON US ALLIANCES AND STRATEGIC BALANCE FROM POSSIBLE OUTCOME INVESTIGATIONS. UNDERSCORES STRATEGIC POSITION ROK AND UNCLASSIFIED

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US DEFENSE COMMITMENT; SEES THREAT IN "LONG, SLOW STEADY
DETERIORATION" ROK-US POLITICAL TIES. NOTES PAST SHOWS

EXEC BRANCH SUPPORT NOT ENOUGH; NEED CONG/PUBLIC BACKING
FOR VIABLE COMMITMENT--THESE ENDANGERED. TRACES FLAGRANT
ACTS BRIBERY KOREA/US, CITES HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM, PARK'S
"REPRESSIVE RULE" AND MYONGDONG. NOTES CARTER CALL FOR
GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL US GROUND TROOPS FROM ROK, W/IMMEDIATE
PULLOUT NUKES. SAYS "SENIOR OFFICIALS" FORD ADMIN WOULD
CONSIDER TROOP DRAWDOWN TO SOME 20,000, BUT FEEL WITH-
DRAWAL OF ALL DANGEROUS--BELIEVE NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY
TAKING OUT NUKES (SEE FULL TEXT 11/1 WIRELESS FILE).

JACK ANDERSON, IN ARTICLE "THE TROUBLE WITH CONGRESS"
(WP 10/31), COVERS MULTITUDE CONG FAULTS, CITING AS ONE
EXAMPLE INVESTIGATIONS ALLEGATIONS SK AGENTS PASSED OUT
CASH AND GIFTS MEMBERS.

NYT'S FINNEY, IN COMMENTARY "THE S. KOREANS AREN'T GIVING
ALL THE PARTIES," OUTLINES TRADITIONAL WAYS AND MEANS GAIN-
ING INFLUENCE IN WASH--FEELS KOREANS "JUST A LITTLE MORE
BLATANT, A LITTLE LESS SOPHISTICATED, AND A LOT MORE
EXTRAVAGANT" THAN OTHERS.

LOUISVILLE COURIER JOURNAL (10/19) CONCLUDES US HAS VITAL
INTEREST IN MAINTAINING INDEP ROK; OUR TASK TO CONVINCE
AMERICANS OUR INTERESTS IN ROK GENUINE AND IMPORTANT, AND
AT SAME TIME DEMONSTRATE QUITE CLEARLY--TO AMERICANS AND
KOREANS--THAT EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT BEING MADE PERSUADE
PARK REGIME END REPRESSION.

NYT'S SULZBERGER, IN COMMENTARY RE NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION
(10/30), FEELS US PRESSURE ON ROK TO CANCEL FRENCH
REPROCESSING PLANT PURCHASE IS PLUS IN THIS CRITICAL
FIELD.

WP'S NOSSITER MOCKS NK SMUGGLING/BLACKMARKET ACTIVITIES
IN SCANDINAVIA. SEES NK DIPLOMATS INVOLVED AS ALMOST
INCREDIBLY ISOLATED, NAIVE, AMATEURISH. KISSINGER

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